



MIDDLE ISLAND OPEN COMPETITOR BRIEFING NOTES 1

From the Race Committee -

Dear Sailors and Coaches,

Welcome to the Middle Island Open. For everyone to have a smooth regatta, we would like to highlight some race management key points:

1. To practice social distancing and avoid gatherings, the Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at www.rhkyc.org.hk/MiddleIslandOpen.aspx, www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/1686/event and via the RacingRulesOfSailing.org App. All the forms you might possibly need during the regatta (e.g. scoring inquiry, hearing requests, equipment substitution, etc.) are also available in these locations and can be submitted online.
2. Your class/fleet racing area will be posted on the ONB by 0830hrs each race day.
3. Boats shall launch only after Flag D is displayed with their class flag on the flagpole on the RHKYC Middle Island hardstanding (SI 5.3). When Flag B is also displayed, boats shall not sail through narrow channel between Middle Island and Repulse Bay (SI 5.4).
4. The target number of races on both Saturday and Sunday is 4 for each class/fleet, as written in SI 6.2 and Notice to Competitors #1.
5. Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules. Standard penalties may be applied in case of any breach of the rules. (NoR 9 and SI 21).
6. Any boat that retires from a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible, and should stay in the racing area unless given permission to leave by the race officer.
7. Please do read and follow SI 19 **Safety Regulations** including check-out/in procedures, signing on at the race committee signal vessel, and to keep clear of the commercial traffic and the TSS. If the race committee hoists IC Flag V, all coaches and support boats please observe a listening watch on VHF channel 72 and wait for directions from the race committee.
8. Coaches and support boats, we appreciate your cooperation in following NoR 14 and SI 23.
9. If the race committee, technical committee or protest committee protests a boat, a notice will be posted on the ONB to inform the boat (SI 16.5). So please do check on the online ONB after racing each day.
10. Last, but not least, it is very important for us to take full precautions to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19. Please refer to the [Competitors Information](#) document and take great care to follow the “COVID-19 Compliance Guidelines”.

Optimist Main & Intermediate Fleets

1. We would like to start the Optimist Main & Intermediate Fleets together but sailing different courses. So please watch for your fleet flag and check the course boards on the signal boat at your warning signal.
2. Optimist races will be started under the U preparatory flag and progress to the black flag if necessary.

Good luck! Please read the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. We look forward to seeing you all on the water.

Race Committee

12 March, 2021



From the Protest Committee -

1. Protest committee members are David Fan (Chief Judge), Tom Sheppard, Ben Harding, Felix Ng, Ben Chong, Michelle Kwan, Raymond Wu, Howard Yam, Howie Suen, Alain Choi, Lesley Anderson and Bridget Chan.
2. We shall do on water judging of RRS 42 and will also do observation in the race course to ensure fair sailing and clean competition.
3. If you are penalized for breaking RRS 42 and have a question for the Jury, feel free to approach the Jury boat after you finish the race.
4. If a boat is penalized a second time during the event for breaking RRS 42, she shall promptly retire.
5. If a boat breaks a rule, she shall take a penalty promptly whether or not the boat is protested and shall submit a penalty report according to SI 14.2.
6. For protest or request for redress, please refer to SIs 16 and 17.
7. Should you have any question for the Jury, feel free to use the online Q&A function.
8. Have fun!

Protest Committee

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